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Mr. Charles R. Staufferhan
Executive Assistant Director
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Dear Mr. Staufferhan:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the report of the President's Communications Policy Board and submit the comments requested in your letter of 25 February to the Director of Central Intelligence. The following comments, which are keyed to the questions in your letter, are based upon the experience of this agency which, as you know, worked with the Board on certain aspects of its study. You should recognize, however, that this agency is qualified mainly to comment on points a. and b., and that the comments on points c., d. and e. are based more on opinion than study.

a. The need for a top-level telecommunications agency, with powers as recommended, is clearly indicated if the four major problems presented by the board are to be resolved. (The proposed solution is in line with the points raised in the memorandum from CIA to the Executive Secretary, National Security Council of 25 January 1951, relative to the Soviet preparation for electromagnetic warfare.)

b. The functions of the proposed Telecommunications Advisory Board appear adequate as outlined and, properly implemented, should result in a distinct improvement to the national telecommunications structure.

c. The location of the proposed board within the Executive Office of the President is both logical and desirable in order that the board may have the stature and dignity which is essential to the accomplishment of its objectives.

d. The relationship of the proposed board with other telecommunications agencies as expressed in the President's Communications Policy board report appears to be proper.

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a. It is believed that the composition of the board as proposed will provide the organizational flexibility essential to the accomplishment of the board's mission in the broad field of telecommunications.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

WILLIAM M. JACKSON
Acting Director of
Central Intelligence

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Executive Order
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

My dear General Smith:

Attached are final copies of the President's Communications Policy Board's two reports (one is classified confidential) which were submitted to the President on February 16, 1951. It will be a few weeks before the unclassified document can be printed and distributed. Therefore, the unclassified document should be treated in a classified manner until it is released to the public.

It is requested that you review the attached report, particularly its organizational proposals, and furnish your views thereon to this office not later than March 10, 1951. It is desired that you include in your comments specific reference and recommendations concerning the following conclusions of the President's Communications Policy Board:

- a. The need for a top-level telecommunications agency;
- b. The functions of the Telecommunications Advisory Board;
- c. The location of the proposed Board in the Executive Office of the President;
- d. The structure of the proposed agency;
- e. Its relationship to other agencies, particularly IRAC and the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee.

Due to the scope of these reports, this current inquiry is necessarily limited. Your further views on other findings of the reports will be requested at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Stauffacher

Charles B. Stauffacher,
Executive Assistant Director

Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

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Executive Report

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BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Final Report on the President's Communications Policy Board.

1. The President's Communications Policy Board, which was active for 15 months, finished its work on 17 February 1951. During that period, representatives of the CIA [redacted] worked with the Board's staff in the formulation of the attached Final Report, on which the Bureau of the Budget has requested this Agency's comments.

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2. The attached letter, which is recommended for your signature, sets forth comments relating to the major recommendation of the Board, which proposed the establishment of the President's Telecommunications Advisory Board as essential to providing forceful direction in the field of national telecommunications policy. It will be noted that the comments are keyed to the questions posed by the Executive Assistant to the Director in his memorandum for the undersigned, dated 1 March 1951.

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W. G. WYMAN
Assistant Director
Special Operations

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Attached correspondence has been coordinated and concurred in by Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence and the Assistant Director, Office of Operations, and the Office of the General Counsel.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Executive Assistant to DCI

FROM : Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Telecommunications

DATE: MAR - 8 1951

REF : Memorandum to AD/O from Executive Assistant to DCI dated 1 March 1951 transmitting copy No. 77 of a "Utilization Study of the High Frequency Part of the Radio Spectrum" prepared by the President's Communications Policy Board

1. The study transmitted by reference memorandum underlines the need for a telecommunications agency outside the FCC.
2. The proposed Telecommunications Advisory Board should be empowered to:
 - a. Arbitrate the registration, utilization, assignment and priority of need for telecommunications channels by Government and non-Government interests.
 - b. negotiate for the reduction of interference problems on and between channels occupied by United States and foreign stations.
 - c. represent United States' interests in the implementation of international treaties.
 - d. Coordinate the activities of FCC and AD/O as they pertain to the problems of United States telecommunications.
3. It would appear that the proposed board should be located in the Executive Office of the President.
4. In order to avoid duplication of facilities and functions, the proposed agency should call on the FCC for required monitoring. It is believed that this may require an expansion of FCC's Field Engineering and Monitoring Division.
5. The Office of Operations has no comment on the relationship of the new agency to other agencies.

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Office Memorandum

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TO : Executive Assistant to DCI

FROM : Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT: Supplementary Report by the President's Communications
Policy Board

DATE: 9 March 1951

Since the subject of the attached study has little connection with the activities of the Office of Current Intelligence, no comments are offered.



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KINGMAN DOUGLASS
Assistant Director,
Current Intelligence

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